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FIRST REGULAR SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND TWELFTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 844

H.P. 573

House of Representatives, February 28, 1985

On Motion of Representative Jacques of Waterville, referred to the Committee on Fisheries and Wildlife. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative Lander of Greenville.

Cosponsored by Representative Jacques of Waterville, Senator Usher of Cumberland and Representative Masterman of Milo.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-FIVE

AN ACT to Increase the Penalties for Stocking
Fish in Inland Waters without a
Permit.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

12 MRSA §7901, sub-§8 is enacted to read:

8. Violation of section 7371, subsection 3. A violation of section 7371, subsection 3 as it applies to section 7203, subsection 1, in addition to being a Class E crime is a civil violation for which a forfeiture of not less than \$100 nor more than \$10,000 may be adjudged.

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STATEMENT OF FACT

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Introduction of nonindigenous or diseased fish into a body of water can devastate a fishery causing an ecological and financial disaster for Maine communities. Such introduction may occur for recreational or commercial reasons. Because of the potential harm to the State for such an act, the penalties should be increased.

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